

CABLE TOLLS CUT HALF IN RATE WAR

Commercial and French Companies Establish New Schedule for Dispatches in "Plain Language."

TO GO INTO EFFECT MONDAY

Western Union, Which Adopted "Deferred Message" Plan on Dec. 6, Says No Further Adjustment Is Deemed Necessary at Present.

Following the cut in cable rates put into effect on deferred messages December 6 by the Western Union, the Commercial Cable Company and the French Telegraph-Cable Company yesterday announced that beginning January 1, 1912, messages written in plain language would be accepted at a reduction of 50 per cent from the charges for an ordinary message. These messages are not to be subject to any artificial delay in transmission or delivery, but will be delayed only until the cables are cleared of ranking messages. Ranking messages, it was explained by George G. Ward, vice-president and general manager of the company, meant full rate messages. The new rate from New York to London will be 12½ cents a word.

This rate cutting war was started by the Western Union when it put into effect, at midnight of December 5, two new forms of cable service which it designated as cable letters and week-end letters. The cable letters permitted the public to send messages of twenty words, subject to a possible two days' delay, at the rate of 7½ cents a word, available for social and commercial purposes. The week-end letters were messages of thirty words at five cents a word, to be transmitted Sundays, when commercial business was suspended.

The Commercial Cable Company's new rate is a flat reduction of 50 per cent, according to the announcement made by Mr. Ward, and applies to cable tolls on non-code messages between this country and Great Britain and Ireland.

"Until further notice," the statement says, "only messages for Great Britain and Ireland can be transmitted at the reduced rate, but we hope to announce extensions to other countries shortly."

He explained that the arrangement had been made possible through the adoption of the new policy by the postal department of England, as announced in Parliament by the Postmaster General. The control of the telegraph lines in England, he explained, was in the hands of the government, and the Postmaster General's announcement said that the reduced rates would be applicable, beginning on January 1, to all cable companies communicating with Great Britain.

The messages at the reduced rates will be held up only twenty-four hours at most. If at the expiration of that time they have not been sent, owing to the volume of full rate business keeping the cables busy, the reduced rate messages will take rank as full rate messages and be sent along with the regular business without further delay.

According to the statement, messages must be written in French or in the language of the country of origin or of destination. There must be an address and a text, the signature being optional with the sender. The statement also prescribes that the text be written entirely in plain language, without figures, commercial marks, groups of letters, abbreviations or mutilations. Genuine names spelled according to established usage, with not more than fifteen letters will be charged as single words.

The French Cable Company in its announcement states that it will begin its service on New Year's Day, accepting plain language cable messages for England, France and Germany at half the rate of code messages, full rate business to take precedence over the reduced rate dispatches. The messages will carry all the privileges of a regular cable and will be forwarded by land telegraph as soon as possible. They must be written in French or in the language of the country of destination or origin and all abbreviations must be avoided.

It was said at the offices of the Western Union last night that a notice of this reduction in rates by the Commercial Cable Company had been received and noted. The rates set forth in it, it was said, were not looked upon by the Western Union as being any more favorable than their deferred messages, put in operation on December 6, and that therefore no further adjustment of Western Union rates would be deemed necessary to conform to the new schedules adopted by the rival companies.

On Tuesday the German Postoffice announced the establishment of a deferred cable service at half rates, to become effective on January 1. This service extends to the United States, the German African Colonies, various Chinese cities and the British colonies.

BATHROOM STYLE COMING IN

Women's Dresses of Turkish Toweling and Irish Lace.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—The women's new fashions will be simple of attainment and will accord well with the household curriculum due to the high cost of living. It was said today at the exposition of coming fashions on display here by drygoods trade papers.

The bathroom, which supplied her bathrobe (otherwise known as blanket cloth) and for an arm to come through, and the gown is complete.

A simple silk undershirt, toned to show off the towel fringe left at the bottom of the skirt and resting slightly in excess of the oversleeves, completes the costume.

GREAT BEAR SPRING WATER.

See per case of 6 glass-stoppered bottles.

Review of Sports for Dying Year

Will be one of the many features in

Sunday's Tribune

Baseball, football, track and field athletics, boxing, yachting, golf and lawn tennis will be covered.

DESTROYER ALMOST SUNK

Warrington in Collision with Schooner Off Hatteras.

FIFTY-SIX MEN RESCUED

Crippled Boat Being Towed to Hampton Roads—Schooner's Fate Unknown.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 28.—Fifty-six men have been transferred from the torpedo boat destroyer Warrington to the revenue cutter Onondaga.

Wireless dispatches received in this city last night from the scout cruiser Salem, which was sent to the rescue of the torpedo boat destroyer Warrington, reported in distress twenty-five miles northeast of Cape Hatteras, say that the destroyer was in collision early yesterday morning with a schooner and was badly damaged. The schooner, which was not identified, was lost in the darkness and nothing was learned of her fate.

The Warrington, with nine other vessels of the Atlantic torpedo fleet, left Charleston on Wednesday for New York, and was being towed to Hampton Roads last night by the revenue cutter Onondaga. She was leaking and settling down at the stern.

Two of the destroyer's crew—J. N. Stanley, chief gunner, and G. W. Houlder, chief boatswain's mate—were injured, the latter seriously, but, according to the dispatches, were "doing as well as could be expected."

The Warrington was struck on the starboard side, near the engine room, with force enough to smash one of her frames, and it is presumed that the sailing vessel must have been injured. The messages do not tell the full extent of the damage, but say that the destroyer "watered up to her engine room bulkhead."

Three officers and twelve of the crew were still on the Warrington, according to the last message received last night, but the others had been taken aboard the Onondaga with the two injured men. The Salem was standing by to render assistance. On account of the rough sea, the vessels were making only five knots, but the weather was moderating and it was hoped that Hampton Roads would be reached by morning.

Another wireless message from the Salem read: "Will give approximate arrival at Norfolk Navy Yard after condition of weather is known at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. So far everything is going nicely."

Newport, R. I., Dec. 28.—The destroyers Patterson, Burrows and Monaghan arrived here today from Charleston, S. C. After leaving the Southern port they encountered fog and gales. The Ammen, which started with the others, turned back because she was leaking.

E. M. POST WEDS QUIETLY

Banker Marries English Woman in Jersey City.

Edwin Main Post, a banker, and Miss Eleanor K. Mills, of Hillcrest, Malden, England, were secretly married in the City Hall, Jersey City, on Wednesday by William Burke, justice of the peace. The news of the marriage became public last evening, when the record of the wedding was placed on the city register. In replying to the questions asked by Justice Burke, Mr. Post said he was born in Cincinnati in 1870 and was the son of Henry A. Post. He gave his occupation as that of a clerk and his residence as Babylon, Long Island.

Mr. Post was married to Miss Emily Bruce Price in Tuxedo in 1892. She obtained a divorce from him in 1907. The custody of their two sons was given to her. He is a member of the Lamont, Tuxedo, Union League and other clubs.

DAYLIGHT JEWEL ROBBERY

Woman in Store Choked—Two Men Caught in Long Chase.

Two well-dressed young men entered the jewelry store of Samuel Ader, at No. 2850 Broadway, yesterday afternoon and asked to be shown some diamond rings. As Mrs. Ader brought forth a tray of gems a third man entered. While she was giving prices on various pieces of jewelry she saw one of the men take a ring.

Then she screamed, whereupon one of the trio ran behind the counter and began to choke her, while the two others helped themselves to jewelry. When he thought that his companions had made their escape he let Mrs. Ader go, and also rushed out.

Her cries of "Stop thief!" attracted the attention of many passersby and also Patrolmen Trucks and Lynch. The chase continued for more than half a mile. At 109th street two of the fugitives, who had hid in an excavation there, were caught and taken to the West 152d street station.

At the police station the prisoners said they were George Bodie, of No. 304 West 11th street, and Martin Joyce, of No. 2209 Eighth avenue. Both were locked up on a charge of grand larceny.

TO WED GIRL HE RESCUED.

The engagement was announced yesterday by Joseph Goldwater, of Bayonne, and Miss Jessie Kaufman, of Paterson. Two years ago the young people were at Asbury Park. Miss Kaufman was bathing at Asbury Park. She was rescued by Goldwater, and the romance thus begun has culminated in the engagement.

G. H. LEAVITT IS MADE HEAD OF QUEENS ROADS

Financier Appointed Highway Superintendent by Borough President Connolly.

SAYS HE HAS A FREE HAND

Declares He Knows Nothing of Politics and Will Run Department on Business Basis—Asks Taxpayers' Support.

G. Howland Leavitt, chairman of the good roads committee of the Automobile Club of America, a member of the committee recently appointed by Mayor Gaynor to inspect the pavements of the city of New York, was last evening appointed Superintendent of Highways in Queens by Borough President Maurice E. Connolly. Mr. Leavitt's home is in Flushing.

Owing to the high standing of Mr. Leavitt as a financier, successful business man and a public spirited citizen, this appointment comes as an awakening to Queens, where the Highway Department has long been honeycombed by graft and incompetency. It was in this department that the famous "tin horse and cart brigades" were planted in order to secure votes for primaries and regular elections.

Following the removal of President Lawrence Grosser on charges of incompetency, when President Connolly was elected to fill the vacancy, it was found that the highway funds had been exhausted. Mr. Leavitt, at a personal expense of several thousand dollars, put steam rollers to work on certain highways badly in need of repairs, and superintended the work himself. Owing to ill health Emmanuel Brandon resigned as Superintendent of Highways soon after the election of President Connolly, and since that time Mr. Connolly and his advisers have been looking about for a man of ability and high standing to take the vacant post. It was finally decided to offer the post to Mr. Leavitt. The salary is \$3,000 a year, about half of the amount Mr. Leavitt spent out of his own pocket for recent road improvements.

When Mr. Leavitt was seen at his home last evening he said:

"I have the assurance of President Connolly that I shall be left free to run this department on a sound business basis. I know nothing about politics, but I do know business. I am satisfied that a system can be laid out and maintained whereby every individual employed on the highways can be held responsible for his own particular work."

"I can frankly say that I am taking this position at a great personal sacrifice. In order to make my undertaking a success I must have the support of the taxpayers and residents of the community. Before taking this step I consulted a great many of my friends who asked me if I knew what I was undertaking. I know well what I am undertaking, but in order to achieve success I must have the support of my friends."

"It is well known that I am a large property holder in this borough, and I have always had its interests at heart. I have found fault with the highways which have been allowed to deteriorate until they are in a deplorable condition. With a liberal allowance of money and with vigilant and prudent management I believe the roads of Queens can be put in good condition."

Mr. Leavitt is chairman of the highway committee of the Queens Borough Chamber of Commerce. He has a beautiful country home, Shore Acres, at Bay Side, where he maintains at his own expense a model road. He is prominent in railroad circles in Wall Street, and several years ago served a number of terms as president of the old Queens County Agricultural Society. After the consolidation he was made president of the Board of Education of Queens, and on one occasion advanced \$25,000 to pay the school teachers their salaries, which were delayed by a technicality in the new charter.

SWEETEST WHEN ANGRY

Harvard Professor Explains That Man's Rage Produces Sugar.

Baltimore, Dec. 28.—When a man is angry he is "sweeter" than at any other time, according to Dr. W. B. Cannon, of Harvard, who read a paper at today's session of the convention here of the American Physiological Society.

This interesting condition, the doctor explained, is due to a greater demand for sugar on the part of the muscles concurrent with an outburst of anger. He said he had experimented with animals, but that the same results would follow in a human being. Any kind of emotion, he said, would produce a large amount of sugar in the blood.

"How much more sugar, then, does a scared cat contain than when it is in a normal condition?" was a question asked Dr. Cannon, but he did not reply. The lecturer said, however, by way of enlightenment, that "when a cat throws up its tail and its hair stands on end it is angry. That is the time to look for sugar."

WOMAN BLOWN ACROSS STREET

Aged Inmate of Charity Home Escapes with Slight Injuries.

Mrs. Magale Ward, a ninety-three-year-old woman, was blown across 36th street at Broadway yesterday morning, and Patrolman Kihlin, of the West 37th street station, found her lying on the sidewalk in the gutter of a building. She had forgotten her cane, and it was only when Mrs. Molly Sheridan, matron at the station house, heard Mrs. Ward mumble something about "Little Sisters" that the police got a line on the old woman's history.

They found by telephoning that she was an inmate of the Home for the Aged, conducted by the Little Sisters of the Poor at 10th street and Columbus avenue. She had gone downtown to visit her old neighborhood, and went in to kneel in the Church of the Holy Innocents. When she came out the wind struck her. She was taken to the Home for the Aged, not much hurt.

CROKER A DEFENDANT IN SUIT OF HIS SON-IN-LAW

John J. Breen Wants \$100,000 for Alienation of His Wife's Affections.

TWO SONS NAMED WITH HIM

Groom in Riding Academy Here Married Boss's Daughter Ethel in Hoboken Secretly Last Year.

Richard Croker, former boss of Tammany Hall, and his sons, Richard Croker, Jr., and Howard Croker, are the defendants in an action for \$100,000 damages brought by John J. Breen, who bases his suit on the allegation that the three defendants have alienated from him the affections of his wife, who was Miss Ethel Croker, daughter of the Squire of Wantage. Breen was secretly married to Miss Croker on April 28, 1910, in Hoboken. The marriage greatly displeased the Croker family. He used to be employed in Durland's Riding Academy here, and is now in charge of a stable in Ontario, Canada.

Croker knew before he left this city for Palm Beach for his annual winter stay there that Breen contemplated the suit, and arranged with Nicoll, Anable, Lindsay & Fuller, his attorneys, to accept the service of the summons and complaint.

Breen was a groom at the Durland Riding Academy when he met Miss Ethel Croker, who is the youngest daughter of the former Tammany chieftain. When the marriage took place her mother was in Paris and her father was in Wantage, Ireland, which has been his home since he quit New York. The young couple crossed the North River to Hoboken and there were married by Samuel Engler, a justice of the peace.

Denials After Runaway Match.

Somehow the news of the runaway match leaked out, but all persons connected with it made vigorous denial that Miss Croker had married Breen, even Justice Engler insisting that it was all a mistake. However, when there was no further use to deny it Breen declared that Miss Croker had become his wife, and having learned of the strong opposition of the Croker family announced that he would fight to keep his wife. Breen added that his father-in-law had known about the attachment between his daughter and himself and had not been adverse to the union, but that other influences overcame the acquiescence of Croker. There is now pending a suit against Breen for the annulment of the marriage, and he has made up his mind to oppose it.

Breen says in his complaint, which was filed yesterday in the County Clerk's office, that he and his wife lived together "peaceably, happily and harmoniously" until Mrs. Breen's father and two brothers came between them and induced her to leave her husband. He adds that "the defendants succeeded in destroying and alienating from him the affections of his wife." The complaint says further: "The defendants, wrongfully contriving to injure him and deprive him of the love and affections of his wife, influenced and induced her, his wife, to abandon him."

Was Employed in Riding Academy.

When Breen married Miss Croker he had charge of the horses of Milton Schwartz and A. C. Schwartz, which were stabled at Durland's. The Croker and Schwartz families were friends, and Miss Croker used to ride in the park with a daughter of the Schwartz family. In that way she came to see the young Irish horseman often. Breen was also captain of Durland's polo team which won the championship of the Indoor Polo Association.

A few days before the secret marriage took place Miss Croker was told by a member of the family that she would have to suit the following week for Europe. Then it was that the young couple decided on an immediate ceremony, and Miss Croker, or, as she was then, Mrs. Breen, sailed on the Adriatic, as had been arranged, but both announcement and denial of her marriage were made before she went.

Breen set up a riding academy at Spring Lake, N. J., and in telling about his troubles he spoke about a rival, who, he said, had tried to prevent him from marrying Miss Croker.

Mrs. Breen went to live at the home of her brother Howard, at No. 5 East 74th street, after her return from Europe. The suit for the annulment of the marriage was brought just a year after the ceremony was performed. Then came a dispatch from Ogdensburg, N. Y., where Breen then was in charge of horses owned by J. R. Stratton, a member of the Canadian Parliament, that Mrs. Breen had brought an action for divorce from him, but there is no record of this suit in this county.

GIVES BALL UNDERGROUND

Duke of Portland Entertains Household on Birthday.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]

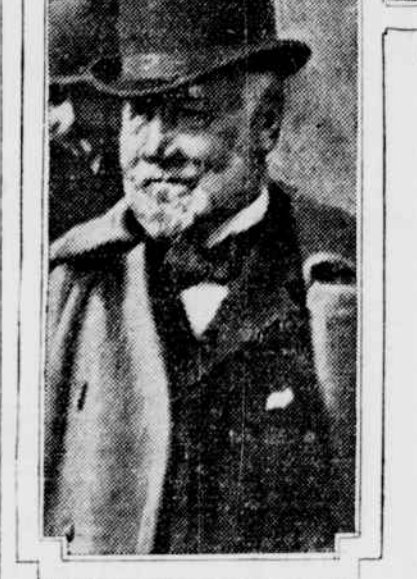
London, Dec. 29.—To commemorate his fifty-fourth birthday, the Duke of Portland gave a household ball in the famous underground rooms at Welbeck Abbey last night. More than five hundred dinner invitations were issued, and the picture in the surface of the ground was fascinating in the extreme.

The ball was opened by the Duke and the housekeeper and the Duchess and house steward danced with the heads of the departments of the Duke's establishment. The dancing took place in the picture gallery.

At midnight a supper was served in the adjoining room and the toast to the Duke and his family was enthusiastically honored. In accordance with the long established custom, the Duke also entertained the old people in the village on his estate at dinner.

CROKERS SUED FOR ALIENATION OF AFFECTIONS.

MRS. ETHEL CROKER BREEN.
Wife of the former groom.



RICHARD CROKER.
Former boss of Tammany Hall, who is sued for \$100,000.

ASK \$20 EACH TO DESERT

Chinese Imperialists, 30,000 in All, Offer to Change Sides.

London, Dec. 29.—A dispatch to "The Morning Post" from Shanghai says that the revolutionary leaders have been informed by General Li Yuen-heng, the revolutionary commander at Wu-Chang, that thirty thousand imperialist troops at Hankow have offered to join the revolution. They ask \$20 a piece for changing their allegiance.

HOSPITAL BURNED; 20 SAVED

Nurses Rescue Patients from Dr. Wiley's Sanatorium.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 28.—Rare courage was displayed to-night when fire destroyed the sanatorium of Dr. W. H. Wiley, on Palmer Hill, for not one of the scores of patients was injured, although the high wind caused the frame structure to burn rapidly.

Dr. W. J. Wellington, the house physician, and Mrs. Wiley and the nurses risked their lives time and again in carrying out the men and women patients, many of whom were unable to move. One bedridden woman is said to have managed to make her escape without assistance.

The fire was started by a spark from an open fireplace in the main hall, and the flames soon spread to the stairway. All of the patients had retired and the nurses were busy in other parts of the house. With the first alarm there was a general rush of nurses to get the patients out. By doing this every employee sacrificed all of his or her personal property. Mrs. Wiley, in rescuing her baby, inhaled smoke, but continued her work of aiding and directing the rescuers. Dr. Wiley was at Saranac Lake. The patients were taken next door to the home of Ross N. Turner.

The house of Myron I. Borg, near by, caught fire from the sparks, but was saved. Mrs. H. O. Havemeyer's home was also in danger for a time. The sanatorium was a complete loss, even the furniture, which had been carried to the lawn, being burned. The loss was about \$75,000.

POUF!—MME. MAETERLINCK

Belgian Star Explains Meaning of Diamond on Forehead.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Boston, Dec. 28.—Enveloped in a leopard skin coat which hid about all of her except her sparkling blue eyes and the much heralded blue diamond, dancing and glowing upon her forehead, Mme. Maeterlinck arrived in Boston this afternoon.

The first thing the reporters looked for after they had identified the leopard skin coat was the diamond. Sure enough, it was there. Madame, noticing the general interest, playfully raised her brows.

Pouf! the diamond disappeared, and Madame broke out into delighted laughter at the surprise of the curious ones. But it had only disappeared beneath her hair. The first question was naturally about the diamond.

"Oh," said Madame, "American newspaper men are not subtle, I see. It is so apparent, is it not? The diamond is blue. Cannot you understand?"

They could not. Madame arched her brows and the diamond danced.

"It is blue," she reiterated, "and so it is the diamond of the bluish. It is the symbol of happiness. I wear it as my emblem of good fortune."

DEWEY'S WINES FOR NEW YEAR'S.

Champagne, Still Wines or Grape Juice. H. T. Dewey & Sons Co., 125 Fulton St., N.Y.

AUTO VICTIM DELIGHTED

Woman Pleased at Being Run Down by Jack Johnson.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Jack Johnson, prizefighter, had another automobile accident here today. It happened in the presence of four policemen, but the fighter-champ was not arrested. Instead, his victim was taken home by the champion, and she told the police the experience was worth the discomfiture of the accident.

Johnson was towing one automobile with another, and as he started up at a street crossing, Mrs. Joseph Wickercut in between the machines. The rope threw her to the pavement, and she was bruised and cut. Johnson saw the accident, stopped and took her home in his machine.

ORLANDO HARRIMAN ILL

Brother of E. H. Harriman in Critical Condition.

Orlando Harriman, the only brother of the late E. H. Harriman, is seriously ill at Dr. John B. Walker's sanatorium, No. 33 East 33d street. It was said there this morning that his condition was grave. He has been there for three days and has been unconscious for many hours.

Mr. Harriman is a real estate operator. He lives at the Hotel Majestic. For some time he has been suffering from diabetes. Three days ago it was decided to remove him to the sanatorium, and an operation was performed. He did not rally so well as was expected.

LEAVES CHILD IN RECTORY

Young Woman Runs Away After Having Baby Baptized.

A stylishly dressed woman, about twenty-five years old, called at the rectory of the Church of Our Lady of Victory, at Throop avenue and McDonough street, yesterday afternoon, carrying a well-dressed child about one month old. She asked that the baby be baptized and gave it the name of Gibson McLaughlin, saying that was the name of the father.

As the woman had no one to act as sponsor for the child, Mary Tierney, Father Molloy's housekeeper, consented to stand as godmother. The address given by the woman, who said she was the mother of the child, was No. 108 Brooklyn avenue. After the baptism the woman left with the child.

About two hours later the bell of the rectory rang, and on Miss Tierney opening the door she was surprised to see the same woman standing there with the child in her arms. The woman thrust the infant into the arms of the housekeeper and, turning, fled rapidly down the steps. Before Miss Tierney could call assistance she had disappeared.

The police of the Gates avenue station took charge of the child, turning it over to the city nurse.

The infant was expensively dressed in white clothes, and wore a white silk hat and a corduroy coat.

DIES CAUGHT IN FENCE

Barbed Wire Holds Aged Man Until He Succumbs to Cold.

Pottsville, Penn., Dec. 28.—Held a prisoner by a barbed wire fence through which he had attempted to creep on the mountain about three miles from his home, the body of Louis Stoffregen, a wealthy octogenarian, of Pottsville, was found today by two state policemen. Hundreds of persons had searched the surrounding country for him day and night since Tuesday afternoon.

Death was due to exposure, the man apparently having been weakened by his long effort to release himself from the barb which held his clothing. Stoffregen was a former county treasurer and a former postmaster of this city.

JUDGE WOULD BAR DIVORCE

Michigan Jurist Favors Law Prohibiting Dissolution of Marriage Tie.

Ann Arbor, Dec. 28.—"Abolish the divorce laws of Michigan," is the advice of Judge F. D. Kinn, who has sat on the Circuit bench of this county for the last quarter of a century. Judge Kinn says:

"The privilege of divorce has been so misused and I have witnessed such flagrant disregard for truth, morality and decency that in my opinion there is just one way to solve the problem. Let the next Legislature enact a law that never again for any cause whatsoever shall a divorce be granted from the bonds of matrimony in the State of Michigan. In certain cases let there be a decree of separation, but no dissolution of the marriage contract."

DR. SUN ELECTED CHINA'S PRESIDENT

Takes Charge of Negotiations with Premier Yuan That May Lead to the Throne's Abdication.

CHAOS IS FEARED AS RESULT

Republicans Already Show Dis-sension — Manchur Princes Refuse to Advance Money, but Yuan May Get Loan from Powers.

Nanking, Dec. 29.—Dr. Sun Yat-sen has been unanimously elected President of the Republic of China.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen has made preparations to organize his Cabinet. It is believed that the first ministry will be strong and may include some of Yuan Shih-kai's delegates who accompanied Tang Shao-yi, the Premier's representative, to the peace conference.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]

Peking, Dec. 28.—It is difficult to exaggerate the feeling that China is now facing a chaotic and critical condition involving not only its domestic rule but its very future existence. A republic seems an imminent possibility, as the edict to-day amounts to practical abdication and because of the extreme likelihood that the national convention will decide on a republic on account of its members fearing to advocate any government otherwise.

There is every reason for the belief extant that the country is incapable of maintaining a republic, and even now in the south the republicans show extreme dissension and factionalism, thus indicating accurately the possibilities of ensuing chaos and leading surely, sooner or later, to foreign intervention and possibly the partition of the empire.

Yuan Shih-kai to-day offered to resign, but his proposition was refused. The complete lack of funds makes continued fighting impossible, so the government, therefore, will be forced to succumb to the rebel demands.

Many persons here consider the success of a republic grotesquely impossible, and the factionalism within the rebel ranks already indicates this.

Shanghai, Dec. 29.—Sun Yat-sen's election as President of the republic by the Nanking conference to-day means that the peace conference between Wu Ting-fang and Tang Shao-yi is closed. The President will assume charge of all negotiations.

The continuance of these negotiations with Yuan Shih-kai as the representative of the retreating Manchu royalty will depend entirely on the immediate withdrawal of all the so-called imperial troops from all points of contact with the revolutionaries. Under these conditions the armistice will be extended for ten days, to give President Sun time to issue the terms under which the Manchus must lay down their arms and to decide on pensions and other preliminary details.

The President, or head of the military government now established, with the capital at Nanking, will treat the court as a thing of the past, because eighteen provinces have already voted in favor of a republic in a properly constituted convention, and the edict recently issued at Peking says that if a representative convention favors a republic the throne will abdicate.

Peking, Dec. 28.—The assembly in the palace to-day to discuss affairs connected with a settlement of the revolution, was productive of at least one dramatic incident. The Empress Dowager, the Premier, Yuan Shih-kai, and the prince of the imperial clan were present, and the debate waxed so warm that finally Yuan Shih-kai arose and offered his resignation. This, however, was refused.

Premier Yuan explained to the princes that he could continue the government and retain the country north of the Yangtze only by having funds placed at his disposal. He asked the princes to empower him to obtain money. He explained that \$10,000,000 would meet the payments for the soldiers for five months, after which the south would become disunited and province after province would return to their allegiance to the throne.

But the princes were unmoved. They pleaded lack of money, although most of them are very wealthy. None has given any substantial amount to aid the government, with the exception of Prince Ching, who has handed over more than \$100,000. The Dowager Empress wept, and Yuan Shih-kai showed